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1. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 18 May 1953, 12 Pe-2s, 2 Li-2s, 2 Aira Cobra F 63 A planes, 9 twin-jet planes, 2 biplanes, and 1 single-engine semi-high-wing monoplane were observed at Bad Vooslau (O 48/X 36) airfield. There was a 4/10 overcast at an altitude of about 2,500 meters, southwesterly wind of about 5 km/h and good visibility. Take-offs and landings were made from northeast to southwest by the two biplanes and the single-engine semi-high-wing monoplane which made individual flights. One truck, 1 van-like truck and 1 tank truck were parked at the take-off point. A fuel dump which was not observed previously because the tanks had camouflage paint. There were five containers, each with an estimated capacity of 15 cubic meters, which were located behind the hangars. The tanks were given a new and light coat of paint.

2. Gainfarn Castle of Vooslau military post was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Many soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were observed in the castle and a radio truck and a van-like truck or trailer were observed in the yard. There was vehicular traffic including trucks [redacted] the drivers of which wore black-bordered blue epaulets. The installation appeared to be heavily occupied. Two majors wearing blue service color left Vooslau Castle which was guarded by sentries who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. A senior lieutenant with blue service color was the duty officer at the komendatura. Truck [redacted] with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was parked in front of the komendatura. No sentry was posted at No 13 Bahn Strasse. The telephone lines were unchanged. Van-like truck [redacted] was parked in the yard of the building at 13 Bahn Strasse. Behind this installation, there was an athletic field on which 25 men were doing calisthenics. The former laundry was not guarded by sentries. Nearby there were motor vehicles including tank trucks [redacted] oil tank truck [redacted] with heating device and truck [redacted] with starting device for aircraft engines. Some of the vehicles were being washed at the site. Object Theresienhof at 25 Haupt Strasse was closed and no details could be observed. There was vehicular traffic by jeep [redacted] with driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets and truck [redacted] the driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

[redacted] Comment. Bad Vooslau airfield is permanently occupied by an air reconnaissance regiment and, probably temporarily, by a retraining unit equipped with Il-28s.

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